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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of 2 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. 3 SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency 4 appropriation to meet the increased expenses of the deposit 5 6 beverage container program to increase the spending ceiling of the deposit beverage container special fund by \$10,000,000 from 7 \$52,255,620 to \$62,255,620 for fiscal year 2006-2007. 8 9 This fiscal year, expenses will exceed the appropriation 10 ceiling because the number of deposit beverage containers actually sold (approximately 960,000,000) will greatly exceed 11 estimates of two years ago (approximately 800,000,000). 12 Increased container numbers plus the current redemption rate of 13 about sixty-eight per cent result in more deposits to refund and 14 more redemption center handling fees for the department to pay; 15 16 refunds and handling fees will easily exceed \$58,000,000. There



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1 are also increased administrative expenses, due in part to more
2 staff and miscellaneous expenses.

3 The special fund has enough moneys to pay the emergency4 appropriation.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the deposit 6 beverage container special fund the sum of \$10,000,000, or so 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for 8 the purpose of reimbursing deposit beverage container refund 9 values, for paying handling fees to redemption centers, and for 10 the operating costs of the fund for deposit beverage container 11 activities described.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 13 health for the purposes of this Act.

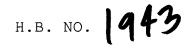
14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; Deposit Beverage Container Program

### Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation for the deposit beverage container program.

